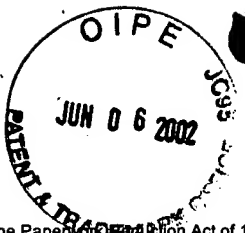


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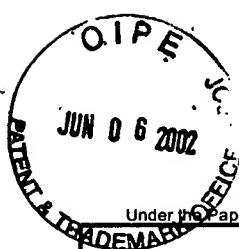
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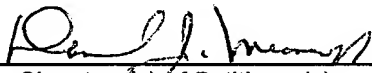
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The enclosed Petition is being filed within twenty four (24) months after the six (6) month grace period provided for in paragraph (a) of 37 C.F.R. §1.378.

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